

NERVE AGENT TREATMENT (DRAFT)

- Nerve agent antidote medications are only given if the patient is showing signs and symptoms of nerve agent poisoning. THEY ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN PROPHYLACTICALLY.
- Note: A decrease in bronchospasm and respiratory secretions are the best indicators of a positive response to atropine and 2-PAM therapy.

Signs and Symptoms of Nerve Agent Exposure

(from mild to severe)

Exposure	Signs & Symptoms
Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Unexplained runny nose▶ Tightness in the chest▶ Difficulty breathing▶ Bronchospasm▶ Pinpoint pupils resulting in blurred vision▶ Drooling
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Excessive sweating▶ Nausea and/or vomiting▶ Abdominal cramps▶ Involuntary urination and/or defecation▶ Jerking, twitching and staggering▶ Headache▶ Drowsiness
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Coma▶ Convulsions▶ Apnea

Mnemonic for Nerve Agent Exposure

Salivation
Lacrimation
Urination
Defecation
Gastrointestinal pain & gas
Emesis